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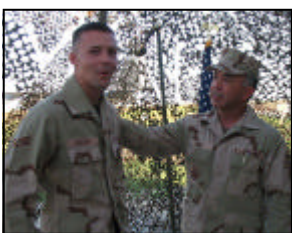
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Chief Ruiz sees result of Sheppard's labor

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NCO takes third in state tournament

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# Sheppard Senator



Combat Capability Starts Here

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## 82nd TRW leadership to change this summer

By John Ingle  
Editor

The season of change is right around the corner, but maybe not in the way most are used to. Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, and Col. Darrell Sims, 82nd TRW vice commander, will head east this summer to take on new roles with their new assignments. In addition to his new assignment, the general also learned the U.S. Senate confirmed his nomination for promotion to major general. General Rooney will take over as commander of the Air Force Security Assistance Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. "I'm always ready for the next challenge," he said. The general will leave



Rooney

Sheppard about 2 ½ years after his assignment to the installation that has been dubbed THE training base of choice for today and tomorrow. Although he is looking forward to his new assignment, General Rooney said Sheppard has been "very rewarding both professionally and personally"

and the area is "a great place to raise a family." The saying above the 82nd TRW headquarters building is right on the money, the general said – Combat Capability Starts Here. "Our vision was of a technical training school of choice today and tomorrow for the Air Force," General Rooney said. "Indeed we are the technical training school of choice." During the general's time here, he has seen massive transformation take place on Sheppard, including student pipeline dorms, a new health and wellness center, re-engineering of training with the Training Operations office, technology in the classroom and force protection issues. "Have we as a team done a lot? You bet," he said. "Is there still a lot of stuff that needs to be done? You bet. It will still be



Sims

underway after I retire." The general said he will be able to do what his predecessors have done – leave Sheppard better than the way he found it. There is one item he said he would like to see come to fruition, but it probably won't before he departs. "The birds," General Rooney

quipped. "But, we have hired a wildlife officer to help us find ways to abate the birds." On a serious note, he said the wildlife officer was primarily brought in to reduce the number of bird strikes on aircraft. As far as his promotion, he said it wasn't awarded based on what he did here or in the past, but what is expected of him in the future. "At promotion ceremonies, you highlight the fact that the promotion is in recognition of future potential," he said. "They look ahead as opposed to awards ceremonies." General Rooney said you should never be satisfied with where you are professionally or personally. That's the same with organizations, he said. Brig. Gen. James Whitmore, Air Component Coordinating Element director, Combined Joint Task Force 180, Air

Combat Command, Bagram, Afghanistan, will become the 82nd TRW commander later this summer. Colonel Sims's venture east will take him to the building in Virginia with five sides – the Pentagon. When the colonel takes the position of chief of United Nations Multilateral Affairs Division, it will be his fourth stint at the Pentagon. But, he said it's his first and only assignment at Sheppard that will leave a lasting impression on his mind. Colonel Sims said he would miss the people he worked with, especially those who helped shape tomorrow's Air Force. He emphasized it wasn't anything he alone did. "Not me – we. Even you're part of it," he said. "It's not

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### On the Inside Reporter, cook trade jobs

A Sheppard grill cook saw what the view was like on the other side of the camera in the newsroom May 7 at noon when she co-anchored Channel 3's Midday Edition with host Rachel Wheat. Kimbra Lyons, and employee with Work Services Corp. and a midnight-chow cook from the 360th Training Squadron's dining facility, earned her minute and a half on the air through the channel's Freaky Friday contest, in which Ms. Wheat swaps jobs with winning contestants. For full story, see page 3.

### Legal advises on do's and don'ts of political activities

The coming presidential election. The War on Terrorism. The 9/11 Commission. There are a number of issues out there, and an even greater number of opinions. But, it is important to remember that military members and Department of Defense civilian employees are subject to limits on their political activity. For full story, see page 7.

### Free bowling changes venues

The location for free bowling as part of "I Love Sheppard Week" has changed to the South Lanes. Free bowling was originally scheduled to take place today at the North Lanes from 1 to 5 p.m. The time of the event will still be from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call the South Lanes at 6-2170.

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## Sheppard medics hone skills during Haitian 'deployment'

By John Ingle  
Editor

A North Atlantic Treaty Organization pilot stumbled out of a thicket of trees, wandering aimlessly to find some sort of refuge after being shot down over the skies of Haiti and held hostage. Her face was bloodied from her treatment while in captivity. It was obvious from her injuries and reaction to medical personnel she had been assaulted. That scenario was one of the many that medical personnel were dealt during field medical readiness training at the 882nd Training Group Medical Readiness Flight May 7. Tech. Sgt. Billy Barnett, an instructor with the flight, said scenarios during field training have to be as real as possible to get personnel ready for real-life deployments. "We're not allowing any simulations," Sergeant Barnett said of the students treating patients. "They are doing actual training using equipment." The medical readiness crew trains more than 400 medical and admin personnel annually during the two-day course. Most are from the 82nd Medical Group, while others come from the 882nd TRG and Altus Air Force Base, Okla. Sergeant Barnett said three courses are taught in the spring and fall. Personnel walked briskly through the three-tent



Expeditionary Medical Support facility, checking in patients, collecting lab work and treating wounded Airmen. Some Airmen were stationed outside the hospital, guarding the only entrance from possible attack or suspicious visitors. At one point, a Haitian general and his aid approached the entry control point, demanding to see the commander of the hospital. After a few moments of discussion, an armed escort

and the "general" began walking toward the front door of the EMEDS. "You're not going to deviate from your procedures?" Sergeant Barnett pointedly asked the medics-turned-security forces personnel. "Don't deviate form your procedure." Sergeant Barnett said the intent of the "deployment" isn't to point out what Airmen are doing wrong, but allow them to make mistakes now so they don't do them in the field.

Left, security personnel detain a Haitian general, played by Tech. Sgt. Edmund Allen, during a recent "deployment" at the Medical Readiness Training site here. Below, 2nd Lt. Terri Morris, 82nd Medical Operations Squadron, and Maj. Javad Aghaloo, 82nd Dental Squadron, treat a patient in the field hospital during the two-day course.

Photos by Senior Airman Chris Powell

dentist in the 82nd Dental Squadron, served as the hospital commander during the deployment. The major said that if he were to deploy today or tomorrow with this team, he would have the utmost confidence in their ability to meet the needs of the mission. "Everybody is working together really well," he said. The deployed hospital commander said members of the medical readiness cadre have done an excellent job at making the Haitian deployment as real as possible. Even to the extent of throwing in a few surprises.



"Our primary focus is to train them and prepare them to treat patients in a war," he said. Maj. Javad Aghaloo, a

The group's only surgeon suffered a massive heart attack and died, leaving the unit without surgical capabilities. "That was a big surprise to me," he said. "We've been in MOP gear and doing things we expected, but we didn't expect one of our people to die." On top of that, the cadre rendered the airlift option non-operational. Sergeant Barnett said in today's environment, teams are deployed instead of plucking Airmen – although it could still happen – from various duty stations and sending them out. "The concept and theory is to deploy teams that are working together," he said. He said some teams that were part of last week's group could be tasked to deploy in the near future. Sergeant Barnett added they are all assigned a Unit Type Code, a team capability identifier.

## HIV testing now every two years

By G.W. Pomeroy  
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN) – Beginning June 1, all active-duty Airmen will be required to complete routine human immunodeficiency virus testing every two years. This is a Defense Department policy change geared toward standardizing testing across the services, officials said. The policy, recommended by members of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, will also require Reserve and Guard Airmen called to active duty for 30 or more days to have a current HIV test within two years of the date called. Since the DOD began testing in the mid-1980s, each military serv-

ice has had its own HIV-testing program. Testing intervals varied by service – from one to five years – and procedures were inconsistent, board officials said. The two-year interval provides the best protection from the hazards associated with military service for HIV-infected servicemembers, board officials said. Within the Air Force, screenings preferably will occur during an Airman's preventive health assessments, said Maj. (Dr.) Mylene Huynh, a preventive medicine officer at Air Force Medical Service headquarters here. Routine interval testing does not preclude HIV screening for reasons such as testing before drug or alcohol treatment, incarceration, occupational exposure clinical indica-

tions or at an Airman's requests, Dr. Huynh said. She also said that HIV testing would remain available for all servicemembers upon request without inquiring as to the reason for the test. Under the policy, active-duty Airmen are no longer required to undergo an HIV test before moving overseas or within 12 months of a consecutive overseas tour, Dr. Huynh said. In 2003, there were 43 HIV-positive cases identified among 335,000 tests on Airmen, said officials at the Air Force Institute for Operational Health at Brooks City-Base, Texas. This included 26 among 259,000 active-duty, 10 of 35,000 Reserve and 7 of 41,000 Guard Airmen tested.

## 88 Airmen face involuntarily retraining

Courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Many Airmen have volunteered to change career fields or separate under the initial phase of the Air Force's fiscal 2004 noncommissioned officer retraining program. As part of the program's Phase II, Air Force officials have notified 88 Airmen selected as most vulnerable to retrain and asked them to submit their choices of shortage career fields they would most like to retrain into. If they do not voluntarily apply for retraining by May 24, those without approved retraining or special-duty assignments will have another Air Force

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# ENJJPT Class 04-05 graduates 32

Thirty-two pilots will graduate from the 80th Flying Training Wing's Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program during ceremonies tonight at 6 p.m. at the base theater.

ENJJPT trains undergraduate pilots for nine NATO countries, including Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Turkey and the United States. In addition to these

countries, Canada, Greece, Portugal and the United Kingdom provide flight instructors for the program. As many as 250 pilots complete the 55-week program each year.

Today's graduation of ENJJPT Class 04-05 includes 17 pilots from the United States, nine from Italy, three from The Netherlands, two from Germany and one from Turkey.

The guest speaker for tonight's graduation is Maj. Gen. Giovanni Luigi Domini, the commander of the officer training division of the Italian Air Force Academy. General Domini completed pilot training in Italy in 1973. He has accrued more than 3,200 flying hours in 10 different aircraft. He has held various positions as pilot, staff officer and wing commander in the Italian air force.



1st Lt. DOMENICO ANTONACCI  
ITALY  
B-707



2nd Lt. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
UNITED STATES  
F-16



2nd Lt. KEITH BONSER  
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A-10



1st Lt. ANTONIO CACCIOLA  
ITALY  
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2nd Lt. BENJAMIN COUCHMAN  
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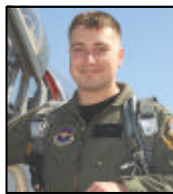
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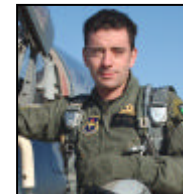
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ITALY  
TORNADO



1st Lt. RAUL GUANELLA  
ITALY  
C-130



2nd Lt. JAMES HAYES III  
UNITED STATES  
B-1



1st Lt. JOSEPH KNOTHE  
UNITED STATES  
B-2



2nd Lt. RAVEN LECLAIR-BONACICH  
UNITED STATES  
F-16



2nd Lt. DANIEL LINDSEY  
UNITED STATES  
F-16



1st Lt. LORENZO MATTEINI  
ITALY  
C-130



2nd Lt. CHRISTOPHER MCGOFFIN  
UNITED STATES  
F-16



1st Lt. LAURA NEALON  
UNITED STATES  
F-16



2nd Lt. HUSEYIN NIYAZOGLU  
TURKEY  
F-16



2nd Lt. LARS PANKOW  
GERMANY  
TORNADO



2nd Lt. ADAM ROBERTS  
UNITED STATES  
T-38



CAPT. JAMES SCHEIDEMAN  
UNITED STATES  
F-15E



2nd Lt. CHRISTOPHER TROYER  
UNITED STATES  
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CADET GEERT VAN BENTHEM  
THE NETHERLANDS  
F-16



CADET DAVID VAN PELT  
THE NETHERLANDS  
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1st Lt. JEREMY WMMER  
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## Trading places

Sheppard cook, local reporter swap jobs for a day

By Airman 1st Class Jacques Lickteig

Staffwriter

A Sheppard grill cook saw what the view was like on the other side of the camera in the newsroom May 7 at noon when she co-anchored Channel 3's Middyay Edition with host Rachel Wheat.

Kimbra Lyons, an employee with Work Services Corp. and a midnight-chow cook from the 360th Training Squadron's dining facility, earned her minute and a half on the air through the channel's Freaky Friday contest, in which Ms. Wheat swaps jobs with winning contestants.

Ms. Lyons overpowered the butterflies in her stomach and introduced the show's Mr. Food

segment without a hitch, lighting the studio and the audience with her smile.

"I was a little nervous, but since we got to know each other Monday, Rachel made me feel comfortable," Ms. Lyons said.

Ms. Wheat's end of the swap was a little more taxing.

She flipped burgers, dunked fries and served up hot plates for the hungry students at Ms. Lyon's workplace Monday afternoon.

"It was hot," Ms. Wheat rightfully exclaimed about her experience at the dining facility.

As if the grills, fryers and heating lamps weren't enough, Ms. Wheat roasted in the chef's garb the dining facility staff made especially for her, including a hairnet, a bright red chef's hat and a thick-

fabric white chef's jacket, she said.

But Ms. Wheat's bubbly personality rose above the heat, and she joked and laughed throughout her one-and-a-half-hour shift.

Ms. Wheat, who was once a waitress, said she has a newfound appreciation for what Ms. Lyons and others like her do.

"They work really hard," she said.

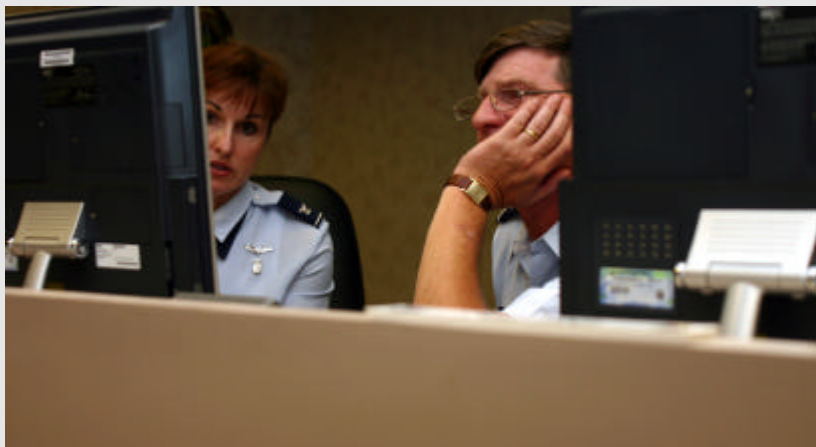
Ms. Lyons and Ms. Wheat agreed their experiences filling each other's shoes were "a lot of fun," and if given the chance, they would do it again.

Those interested in swapping jobs with Ms. Wheat should send an e-mail to Rachel@kfdx.com that includes a job description and contact information.



Kimbra Lyons, left, a Work Services Corp. employee and grill cook at the 360th Training Squadron's dining facility, watches and Channel 3 reporter Rachel Wheat gets ready to fry up some hamburger patties.

Photo by Senior Airman Chris Powell



### Home Sweet Home

Col. Kimberly Siniscalchi, 882nd Training Group commander, and Lt. Col. Paul Goven, 882nd TRG vice commander, look at the new computer system in the renovated command post. The command post reopened in the basement of the community center Tuesday.

Photo by John Ingle

## RETRAIN

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specialty chosen for them by Air Force Personnel Center officials here. Their retraining class date will be scheduled by June 7.

Under Phase II, not everyone is guaranteed his or her first choice, officials said. Major commands continue to accept volunteer applications and personnel officials encourage all eligible NCOs to also consider special-duty assignments that need to be filled.

Some of these include recruiting jobs, military training instructors, first sergeant duty or professional military education instructor, officials said. However, the member must have approval before the May

24 deadline.

The retraining program is designed to help balance the enlisted force by moving NCOs in specialties with surpluses to those with shortages.

Vulnerability listings by grade and Air Force specialty are posted on the Web and will be updated weekly on the Air Force Personnel Center's restricted site at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Retraining/retraining.htm>.

Local military personnel flights have more details about the program.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

**Be sure to catch Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, live on TSTV-14 at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. The general's guest will be Col. H.D. Pumbo, 80th Flying Training Wing commander.**



## ENJJPT Players donate proceeds

Courtesy of the 80th Flying Training Wing

A theatrical group made up of 80th Flying Training Wing members recently donated its proceeds from the play "Getting Away With Murder" to two local charities.

The ENJJPT Players, who performed the play at the community center in March, raised more than \$4,800 during the three-day run.

Lt. Col. Eric Bogaards, the senior national representative for the Netherlands Air Force, said about \$4,300 was donated to Interfaith Ministries and Senior Citizen Services of North Texas.

He said the beneficiaries expressed their gratitude and stated that they would put these checks to good use for the local communities.

"This great result is in part due to the contributions of the advertisers from the local communities of Wichita Falls and Burkburnett who were willing to put an ad in the program book," he said, "and in part due to ticket sales to people who were interested in what this years production would bring."

In previous years, proceeds were typically in the lower \$4,000 range, so this year's results were even better, the colonel said.

Colonel Bogaards said he is particu-



Photo courtesy of the 80th Flying Training Wing

Lt. Col. Eric Bogaard, left center, the Royal Netherlands Air Force senior national representative, presents a check to Shirley Bradberry of the Senior Citizen Services of North Texas April 28. The money is part of the proceeds from the ENJJPT Players' production of "Getting Away With Murder." Also pictured are MSU English professor and play director Dr. Arvilla Taylor and Master Sgt. Gerhard Kuehner of the German Air Force.

larly pleased with the results because about 30 guests were in the audience on the first night of the play. He said a tornado warning kept most would-be guests at home.

The attendance at the Friday and Saturday night performances was more

than expected and additional chairs had to be set in order to be able to seat all the people.

Dr. Arvilla Taylor, a professor of English in the Liberal Arts department of Midwestern State University, directed the play.

## Yard of the Month winners announced

The Capehart Officer, Capt. Tyler Sanders, 224B Jupiter, 382nd Training Squadron; Capehart Enlisted, Master Sgt. Michael Wenk, 101 Pioneer, 82nd Mission Support Squadron.

Bunker Hill, Master Sgt. Steven Parker, 107 Sky, 82nd MSS; Wherry, Senior Master Sgt. William McGovern, 79 Beaumont, 82nd Training Wing. Senior Officer, Lt. Col. Douglas Watkins, 109 Hercules, 80th Flying Training Wing.

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about me. We all had something to do with it."

Life can be self-satisfying, the colonel pointed out. But here, life is about serving others to make a difference.

Colonel Sims will leave behind his wife and kids while he embarks on his new journey. That is, perhaps, one aspect of his new assignment that he

At the same time, he said the sense of family here and in the community sets him at ease.

"I know they are going to be taken care of," he said. "This is an awesome community."

Colonel Sims will be replaced by Col. Mark Atkinson, commander of the 27th Maintenance Group at

## Yard inspections are AF policy

Courtesy of base housing

Air Force policy requires bases to have an inspection program for housing areas to ensure that lawns and carports are maintained in a neat and orderly appearance.

Each sponsor is expected to maintain a neat lawn by mowing and edging regularly. Mowing should be accomplished as necessary to maintain a neat appearance. Edge the grass next to walks, curbs and borders of shrub and flowerbeds.

Occupants must

remove grass in cracks from the sidewalk, driveway and curbs. The street curbs should be swept. Occupants' area of responsibility extends to the middle of the street. Also, carports must be swept and uncluttered.

Minor pruning of trees and the trimming of shrubs and hedges of new growth is the occupant's responsibility.

Please refer to the Housing Guide for further information on standards for housing. The Housing Guide is available at the housing office, Bldg. 373.

## Briefly Speaking

### Summary courts officer named in Airman's death

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Staff Sgt. Kelly Horn of the 365th Training Squadron.

1st Lt. Jason Gabriel, 365th TRS/CCQ, has been appointed the summary courts officer. Claims for or against Sergeant Horn's estate must be submitted to Lieutenant Gabriel.

He can be reached at DSN 736-3191 or 6-3191.

### CCAF official at education center today

Community College of the Air Force program manager and representative Staff Sgt. Tony Hyatt will be at the education center in Bldg. 402, room 306 today from 1 to 4 p.m.

Sergeant Hyatt will show how students can view their degree progress on line.

### Commissary hosts warehouse sale

The Sheppard Commissary hosts a warehouse sale Saturday and Sunday.

The even will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

A list of some items that will be available during the sale can be found at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

### ERAU registration underway

Students wanting a degree in aeronautics at Embry-Riddle can now register for the first summer term.

Registration will continue through May 28. The summer term begins May 31 and ends July 30.

New students should meet with an ERAU counselor as soon as possible. Previous students who have used tuition assistance can re-apply for TA at <https://webi.af.mil/82mss/esc/Express%20Worksheet.html>.

For more information, call ERAU at 851-6458.

### SOSC to induct board members

The Sheppard Officer's Spouses Club will induct its new board members at a luncheon Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the officers club. For more information and to make a reservation for the luncheon or child care, call Debbie at 851-8877 by noon Monday.

### SAI to celebrate achievement

Sheppard members are gearing up to celebrate achievement May 21 as part of the Wichita Falls ISD Student Achievement Program.

Mentors who have participated in the program's inaugural year will meet at Washington-Jackson Math and Science Magnet School at 1300 Harding at 6 p.m.

Sheppard and community members will be recognized for their efforts as mentors over the last year. A light reception will follow the program.

### Lunch and Learn

Retired Lt. Gen. Ken Eickmann will be the guest speaker at the May 25 Lunch and Learn at the officers club. The lunch begins at 11 a.m., following by General Eickmann's remarks at 11:30 a.m.

### MPF changes hours

The Military Personnel Flight's customer service element will issue military, civilian and dependent ID cards on a walk-in basis between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Anyone who signs in before 4:30 p.m. will be seen that day. For more information, call 6-2224.

### Volunteers needed for Western Fling

Volunteers are needed to decorate and build an old timey western town for the 82nd Services Division's Western Fling.

To become a volunteer or to provide any other assistance, call 6-3866 or 6-7695.



Photo by Lou Anne Sledge

## Payday

Members of the Sheppard Officers' Spouses Club pose with the scholarship winners and the scholarship sponsors Wednesday night at the SOSC scholarship awards reception. There were 21 scholarship winners this year. The winners are Jacob Staples, Taryn Maxwell, Shawn Houck, Adam Jodice, Jennifer Organiscak, Neriza Madarang and Mark Merritt, from Burk Burnett High School, Megan O'Connor, Nicole Smith, Meghan Lucas and Elisa Parrish, from Hirschi High

School, Anesha Varnadore, from Rider High School, KC Shasteen, from Bright Ideas Charter School, Joseph Meade, from Agape Christian School, James Heyne, from the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, Mary Yehle, from Notre Dame Catholic High School, Jeremy Pond, from Allegiance Christian School, Amy Wenk and Elizabeth Nacol, from Midwestern State University, and Jennifer McBrayer and Lisa Weaver from Wayland Baptist University.

## Sergeant rescues boy from dog

By Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP) — A sergeant assigned to Detachment 1 of the 7th Weather Squadron in Wurzburg, Germany, was honored with the Bavarian Rescuers Medal on May 7 for rescuing a young boy being attacked by two dogs.

Tech. Sgt. Sean Hansen, a combat weather forecaster, is being credited with saving the 7-year-old German boy's life Jan. 11 when he saw the dogs attacking the boy outside his home.

"(Receiving the medal is) an incredible honor," Sergeant Hansen said. "I'm an ordinary person who acted ordinarily in an extraordinary situation. To be recognized for something that I felt was my civic duty is very humbling."

Sergeant Hansen's "civic duty" began after he heard his wife screaming from their balcony around 11 a.m. that day.

"On the street below, I saw these two Rottweilers attacking a small boy, and I immediately kicked into 'dad' mode," said Sergeant Hansen, who has a 7-year-old boy of his own. "I immediately ran down to the street to help."

When Sergeant Hansen arrived at the scene, one dog was locked onto the hip of the boy while the other one was biting into the child's leg. An older man was already trying to hit one of the dogs with a piece of wood. A woman was hitting the other one with a handbag, and the mother of the boy was also there holding her younger son while trying to kick the dogs -- but the animals were not giving up.

"I realized those methods wouldn't be effective toward two large Rottweilers," he said. "So I immediately dropped to my knees and started punching the dogs as hard as I could. It seemed like it lasted about 15 minutes, and I remember getting really mad at the dogs because they

weren't letting go."

Eventually, through repeated punches, Sergeant Hansen was able to get both dogs off the boy, allowing the mother to carry her son to safety.

The boy was hospitalized and has been through several surgeries because of the attack. Aside from extensive scarring, he seems to have adjusted well, said Sergeant Hansen, who has since formed a bond with the child's family.

"It's a great feeling seeing him as a normal 7-year-old boy again," he said. "I've always wondered if I would act appropriately in this type of situation. This answered some questions of my own character."

While Sergeant Hansen's heroic act may have answered a few questions for himself, his supervisor said he has always known the depth of his subordinate's core values.

"Without a second's hesitation, Sergeant Hansen jumped into a very dangerous situation in which he could have easily lost his own life," said Master Sgt. Scott Mazur, who is in charge of the combat weather team. "Not everyone would jump into a fray with two full-grown attacking Rottweilers barehanded, but that's who Sean is."

"I would equate his actions to service before self -- both on and off the job," Sergeant Mazur said. "If someone is in need, he is there for them no matter what or when the need arises. He doesn't consider himself to be heroic, but in my book his actions define what a hero is."

And Sergeant Hansen's village mayor agrees.

"I am more than proud to have such an exemplary American citizen living here," said Peter Stichler, mayor of Höchberg. "Sergeant Hansen showed extraordinary moral courage and engagement; even at the risk of his own health and life. We couldn't be more proud of him receiving the award." (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

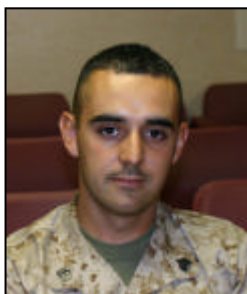
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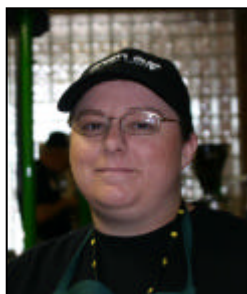
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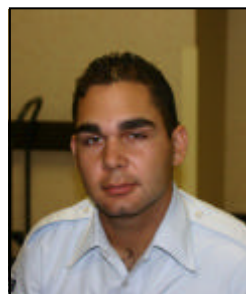
"Walk to work," Capt. DiAndra Jefferies-Brooks, pharmacy



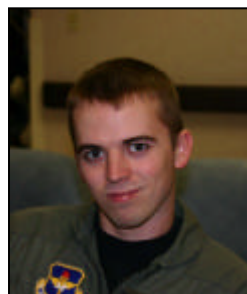
"Jog or bike to work," Marine Sgt. Jesus Lopez, 364th TRS



"Don't backtrack during trips," Heather Miller, barista



"Take the bus," Airman 1st Class Jesus Lugo Ramos, 365th TRS



"Carpool," 2nd Lt. Jared White, 80th OSS

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## Command chief witnesses Sheppard's contribution to OIF, OEF

By Master Sgt. Jeff  
Szczechowski

455th Expeditionary Operations  
Group Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan – During a recent visit to Bagram Air Base for a 455th Air Expeditionary Wing commander's conference, Chief Master Sgt. Lupe Ruiz, the 82nd Training Wing command chief, talked a little bit about his current forward deployment to the 416th Air Expeditionary Group, Karshi-Khanabad (K2) Air Base, Uzbekistan.

He spoke even more about the mission at his home base, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and how the many Airmen who are trained there contribute to the global war on terrorism.

Chief Ruiz has been deployed since early March, and he expects to return home to the Wichita Falls area sometime in June. His job at K2, like it is back at Sheppard, is to advise the commander on matters impacting the enlisted force such as morale, quality of life, ops tempo and quality of the enlisted leadership.

Unlike at Sheppard, the chief isn't the senior-ranking enlisted person at K2. Since the Army commands the base, the top enlisted position belongs to a command sergeant major. But he's still the Air Force's top non-commissioned officer at K2, and the first person that Col. Timothy W. Vining, the 416th AEG commander, turns to on issues concerning enlisted matters.

Besides that subtle difference, the mission at K2 certainly differs from that at Sheppard.

"Sheppard provides global training to replenish the war-fighting community and at K-2, our goal is to support Air Force organic and tenant units fighting

the war on terrorism," Chief Ruiz said. "At the 82nd Training Wing, we're concerned about producing well-trained and dedicated Airmen, whereas at K2, I get to see the fruits of our labor."

Chief Ruiz said that the Airmen he's met coming out of Sheppard's classrooms are making quite an impression.

"To name just a few specialties, we've got crew chiefs, fuels, avionics, aircraft electronics and transient alert at K2 – all are dedicated and professional Airman and it all started at Sheppard school houses," he said. Then, with a twinkle in his eyes and a touch of pride: "Some graduated within the last year and a few remembered me."

He talked a lot about the Sheppard "alumni," and probably would have continued longer if not for a dinner appointment looming later that evening with other members of the conference.

"I tell ya', these young Airmen have the right attitude. They're truly dedicated professionals and are committed to fighting the war on terrorism. They put in long hours without a word of complaint," Chief Ruiz said. "It's great to see the work from the Sheppard end translate into the outstanding performances I'm seeing every day from Airmen at Karshi-Khanabad and from those I talked to during my visit to Bagram Air Base."

The chief then applauded the efforts of the instructors, military training leaders, first sergeants, and commanders at Sheppard who have prepared those Airmen to do the job they're now doing.

"The instructors and MTLs play a pivotal role in producing an Airman – an Airman who is ready to fight and engage the enemy, to turn sorties, to fuel



Courtesy photo

**KARSHI-KHANABAD, Uzbekistan - Chief Master Sgt. Lupe Ruiz, 416th Air Expeditionary Group command chief, stands alongside Senior Airman Anthony Smith, a fuels technician. Chief Ruiz is deployed from Sheppard Air Force Base, the largest technical training wing in the Air Force, and Airman Smith is just one of the thousands of Airmen supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom who received technical training at Sheppard.**

aircraft, or to provide top-notch vehicle maintenance," he said. "And the men and women of Team Sheppard should be very proud of their collective efforts."

Sheppard's top enlisted Airman noted that besides his own deployment, the 82nd TRW is filling the ground safety and public affairs positions at Bagram; Sheppard has 13 Security Forces Squadron members here and another 5-man team in Iraq; and that Sheppard Airmen in career fields like information management, medical and others continue to play an important role in both

Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

He said there's a message to be found in the fact that Sheppard, whose primary function is to train Airmen, has deployed many of its personnel worldwide.

"It says that everybody will contribute to the global war on terrorism, and it speaks volumes at a training base that we can play such an important role, too," Chief Ruiz said.

The chief said that his deployment has been a rewarding and fulfilling experience, and that he appreciated the fact that his boss, Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., the 82nd TRW commander, allowed him the opportunity to be deployed.

He also thanked his wife,

Chief Master Sergeant Judy Ruiz, for her unwavering support.

"Chief Judy is a beautiful person," Chief Ruiz said. "She has been doing double duty at home. Owning a home takes a lot of work and Judy has been wonderful."

The chief added that all spouses, whether military or not, play a very important support role in the deployment of their Air Force husbands and wives.

He also said that he knows his temporary replacements back at Sheppard, Chief Master Sergeants Martin Davis and Ronald Wilson, are doing an absolutely superb job and that he greatly appreciates their sacrifices and the long hours they're putting in.

"It's not easy doing Group Chief duties as well as Command Chief duties. I owe both of these guys a debt of gratitude. I can not thank them enough for their efforts," he said.

The chief added that he's looking forward to getting back home, so that he can work once again alongside Team Sheppard members and see the "other" Chief Ruiz.

"Our folks do an awesome job training and mentoring our troops. It'll be great to get back into that environment," he said. "And, more importantly, I'm looking forward to reuniting with my lovely wife, Chief Judy."

Finally, the chief said he regretted not being at Sheppard for the closing of "Sandy's Place," a restaurant inside the wing headquarters building that became legendary for its great food and extra-friendly service.

The eatery officially closed its doors after decades of service to loyal customers like Chief Ruiz.

"It's sad to see Sandy's Place close. I will miss Sandy's smile and especially her burgers with grilled onions," the chief said.



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## Housing office explains pet policy

Courtesy of the housing office

There is a limit of three pets allowed per household (small caged animals, birds and fish are excluded) in Sheppard military family housing.

Residents must submit requests for exceptions in writing to the housing office for approval by the 82nd Mission Support Group commander.

All pets three months of age or older that are kept on base must be registered within seven days of arrival on base. Current pet registration tags and rabies vaccination may be obtained from the Sheppard Veterinary Clinic, Bldg. 61. All dogs and cats must be registered through the base Veterinary Clinic annually.

You must ensure cleanliness of your pet's area to control and prevent vermin infestation. Feces must be picked up daily.

Farm, ranch or wild animals are prohibited. Breeding or raising of animals in housing for shows or commercial purposes is prohibited unless approved by the MSG commander. The operation of a commercial type kennel in government quarters is prohibited. Litters must be properly and humanely adopted out prior to 90 days of age.

### Pet control

Pets are not permitted to run loose at any time.

Pets that are placed outside must be in an enclosed fenced area if left unattended. If on a leash, cord, or chain, they must be under constant

observation and control. They must not be tied to any part of the housing unit, patio fencing or any trees or shrubs.

Animals that create a public nuisance, danger, or are mistreated may be ordered permanently removed from base housing.

Stray animals or nuisance animals should be reported to the 82nd Security Forces Squadron at 6-2981 or 6-6302. Stray animals are taken to the Wichita County Humane Society when not claimed by the owner.

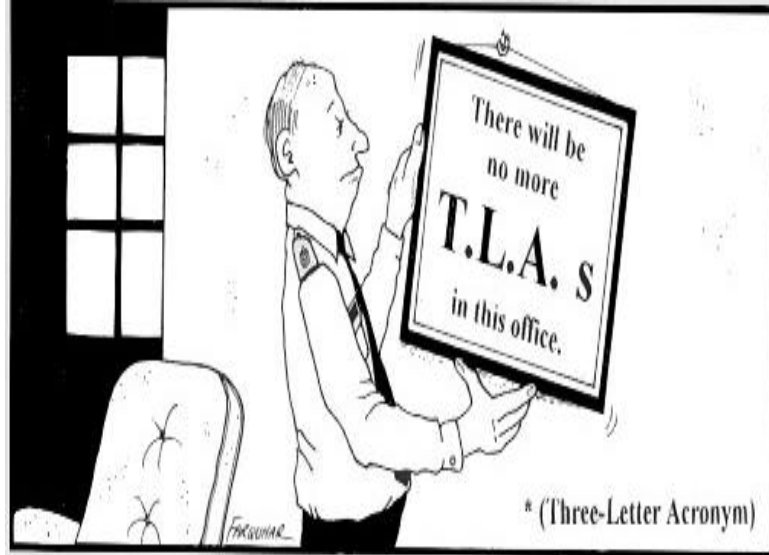
### Rule enforcement

Tickets will be issued for unattended pets, pets tied up outside, pet debris in yards and for uncontrolled pets.

Tickets issued will be counted under two separate categories: one will be for uncontrolled pets and the other will be for all other issues such as pets tied up outside, pet debris in yards, unattended pets, nuisance complaints, etc.

The first ticket for one of the categories will be issued to the occupant. If a second ticket from the same category is issued, the sponsor's first sergeant will be notified.

With a third ticket of the same category, a letter will be forwarded to the MSG commander with a recommendation to remove the pet, to install a higher fence, etc. If a recommendation is made to remove the pet, the sponsor will be given an opportunity to show just cause for keeping the pet.



## GTC payment options now online

Courtesy 82nd Comptroller Squadron

Bank of America now provides another way for Government Travel Card holders to make payments on their accounts.

The bank recently announced a new Web site that allows account holders to make a payment free of charge.

Although split disbursement of the GTC remains mandatory for military and the default for

civilians, there are unavoidable situations where the amount split disbursed does not pay your entire balance.

If for example, a traveler loses a receipt, a foreign exchange rate is changed before the overseas merchant charges your GTC account, you make a mistake on your voucher that reduces the total payment, subsequently the amount split disbursed isn't sufficient to fully pay the GTC account.

In these situations you will

have a residual balance. To assist customers in managing their accounts the website can be used for such situations. Customers will need their account number and the security number from the back of the card.

The process is simple and, best of all, free! Just log on to [www.MyEasyPayment.com](http://www.MyEasyPayment.com) for more information and to process a payment.



I THINK I HAVE A SOLUTION TO BOTH YOUR HEARING PROBLEM AND YOUR MISERABLE SCORE

## What can we do? Guidelines for taking part in political activities

The coming Presidential election, the War on Terrorism and the 9/11 Commission are a number of issues out there, and there is an even greater number of opinions.

But, it is important to remember military members and Department of Defense civilian employees are subject to limits on their political activity.

Military members can find the rules for political participation in DoD Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty, and Air Force Instruction 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the Air Force.

Civilian employees are governed by section 6-200 of the Joint Ethics Regulation.

For military members, failure to comply with these requirements may be chargeable under Article 92, UCMJ, failure to obey a lawful order or regulation.

The following is a list of permissible and impermissible political actions.

### Active-duty military members may:

Register and vote

Express an opinion on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.

Contribute money to a political organization, including parties and committees to elect specific candidates.

Attend political meetings or rallies as a spectator when not in uniform.

Join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform.

Serve as an election official, if such service is not as a representative of a partisan political party, does not interfere with military duties, is performed while out of uniform and has the prior approval of the major command commander or equivalent authority.

Display a political sticker on the member's private vehicle, or wear a political button when not in uniform and not on duty.

Sign a petition for specific

legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot, if the signing does not obligate the member to engage in partisan political activity and is done as a private citizen.

Write a personal letter, not for publication, expressing preference for a specific political candidate or cause.

### Active-duty military members may not:

Be a candidate for, or hold civil office, except as authorized by DoD Directive 1344.10.

Allow, or cause to be published, partisan political articles signed or authorized by the member for soliciting votes for or against a partisan political party or candidate.

Speak before a partisan political gathering of any kind for promoting a partisan political party or candidate.

Participate in any radio, television or other program or group discussion as an advocate of a partisan political party or candidate.

Solicit or otherwise engage in fund-raising activities in federal offices or facilities, including military installations, for a partisan political cause or candidate.

Make campaign contributions directly to a partisan political candidate.

Sell tickets for, or otherwise actively promote, political dinners and other such fund-raising events.

March or ride in a partisan political parade.

Serve in any official capacity or be listed as a sponsor of a partisan political club.

Perform clerical or other duties for a partisan political committee during a campaign or on Election Day.

Engage in the public or organized recruitment of others to become partisan candidates for nomination or election to a civil office.

Display a large political sign, banner, or poster on the top or side of a member's private vehicle.

### DoD civilian employees

### may:

Do all of the political activities active-duty military members may do.

Be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections.

Assist in voter registration drives.

Express opinions about candidates and issues, to include making speeches.

Hold office in political clubs or parties.

Distribute campaign literature in partisan elections.

Be active at political rallies and meetings.

Campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections, referendum questions, constitutional amendments, or municipal ordinances.

### DoD civilian employees may not:

Use official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election.

Be candidates in partisan elections.

Wear political buttons on duty.

Solicit political contributions from the general public, subordinates, or members of other Federal labor or employee organizations.

Engage in political activity while on duty, in any federal workplace, wearing an official uniform or displaying official insignia, or using a GOV or government-leased vehicle.

Knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has any business with DoD.

Contribute to the political campaign of another federal employee who is in the employee's chain of command or supervision.

The most important thing to remember is to check the rules before engaging in a political activity.

Also, when in doubt, seek further advice from your Unit Voting Representative or the legal office.

For further information, call the Sheppard Law Center at 6-4262.

## Action lines

### Loose dogs on base

Question: I have been noticing a very big problem with aggressive breeds getting loose on base. Recently in Capehart, we had a dog jump its fence and a neighbor's fence and attack a man in his yard with his family. I think this is the same dog I saw running free near the mailbox while my kids were checking the mail. There have also been Rottweilers kept on thin chains connected to a support pillar on the front porch, which is contrary to Housing regulations.

I have two dogs and I do understand that accidents do happen but most of them are because of the dog's owner's negligence. I am now walking with a spray made for dogs, I am also checking into a 6-foot fence to keep other dogs out of my yard. This should be done by the people who choose to have massive aggressive breeds or by

people with jumpers, since they do not seem to care enough to protect others.

I ask that you consider making rules to protect us and our children that are required to walk home from school and to play at the parks and in their own yards. A six foot fence on aggressive breeds would make a huge difference, registering them so you know where they are, and making it clear that the rules that are already in affect are enforced.

Answer: We share your concern and it's our goal to ensure pet owners properly control their pets to guarantee the safety of everyone on the base and also the safety of our many pets. We have recently completed an analysis of all tickets and pet control letters issued during the last year. On the whole, issuing one ticket to a pet owner has corrected the

problem; however, we do have a few instances where a pet owner has experienced repeat problems and received several tickets. To help us better control this important issue, our Housing Office has recently automated all records on pet related discrepancies, to include those received from Security Forces and the Veterinary Office. As a result, we are refining and improving our process to ensure we have a clear set of procedures for handling pet issues and that everyone is informed of the process. Our Housing office will publish these procedures in the Housing Guide, provide a flyer to all housing occupants, air on TSTV 14, and brief to all new housing occupants. Please be assured that if a pet owner is unable to control their pet, the circumstances will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and a decision made on whether the pet

can remain in housing. Thank you for sharing your concern with us.

### Commissary tipping

Question: I am a bit confused concerning tipping in the commissary's "express" lane. I don't mind tipping at the commissary, since I think it is a great way for military and their families to earn extra income. However, when I am only stopping in for a gallon of milk and I use the express lane, I am never sure if and how much to tip. The milk is less than \$3 so what is the proper amount to tip without appearing "cheap?" A friend and I were discussing this dilemma and she said a bagger once verbally attacked her for not tipping him in the express lane. (She had tipped him a \$1 but he had not seen her do it.)

Personally, I feel the express lane should not be a tipping lane

since you are not being helped to your car and your purchases are minimal. Couldn't the baggers just rotate through the express lane so that everyone takes a turn not receiving tips? Could you please clear up the protocol on the proper tipping procedures in the commissary?

Answer: Thanks for your comments regarding the personnel who perform carryout activities at the Commissary. You are accurate in regards to the "bagger" personnel working for tips only. Since the baggers receive no other form of compensation, we cannot expect them to work the express lane without receiving tips. It is up to you, the customer, to decide if excellent service is received and tip accordingly. There is no set tip guide made in regards to bagging, tipping is left to the discretion of the customer at all times. Even if you decide not to

tip anything at all, you should still receive friendly, courteous service from the "bagger" personnel.

In regards to your friend, we apologize for the unacceptable level of customer service. Please be assured the conduct you described is not tolerated. In the future should you experience anything less than excellent customer service, please contact Mr. Mike Cox, Ms. Donna Romolton, Acting Store Director, or any store duty manager so they can address the issue immediately or call 676-2901.

Submit your questions and concerns to [action.line@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:action.line@sheppard.af.mil) or call 6-2000. Your submission may be printed in *The Sheppard Senator*.

# In FILM



## The Prince and Me (PG)

Saturday at 2 p.m.  
Thursday at 7 p.m.

Julia Stiles, Luke Mably-Paige is working toward becoming a doctor. Edward, the Crown Prince of Denmark, poses as a college student.



## Jersey Girl (PG-13)

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday at 2 p.m.  
Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ben Affleck, Liv Tyler - Ollie raises a child by himself and gives up his fast-paced Manhattan lifestyle and moves back in with his father in Jersey.



## The Ladykillers (R)

Saturday at 7 p.m.  
Sunday at 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Tom Hanks, Marlon Wayans - Goldthwait organizes a gang of double-crossing thieves to rob a riverboat Casino.

# Sheppard Spotlight 15 lines of fame

- 1. Name:** Samantha Elmore
- 2. Rank:** captain
- 3. Organization and position:** 82nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Public Health Flight, commander
- 4. Most rewarding aspect of your job:** Having a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the Sheppard community.
- 5. Why did you join the Air Force?** To see the world... and get paid for it.
- 6. Favorite Air Force assignment:** I have only been stationed at Sheppard, but I am PCSing to Lajes Field, Azores, in June.
- 7. Date arrived at Sheppard:** October 2001.
- 8. Hometown:** I can't claim just one. My father was in the Army.
- 9. Married or single (include your family if you'd like):** Single, with a cat.
- 10. Favorite thing(s) to do in your free time:** Read mystery novels and play soccer.
- 11. Funniest childhood memory:** Diligently saving my allowance for months for a cabbage patch doll... I thought that was the happiest I could ever get!
- 12. Favorite book or movie:** "Never Been

Kissed."

**13. Dream vacation:** Any sunny, tropical location with a beach.

**14. If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be?** The Crocodile

Hunter. It is about time to throw caution to the wind and wrestle an alligator.

**15. Other than your family, what is your most prized possession?** My photo albums.



## ITT

### Rangers vs. Yankees

ITT is selling spots for a tour to the Texas Rangers vs. New York Yankees game May 22.

The cost is \$65 per person and includes hotel, travel and tickets to Ripley's Believe It or Not and Palace of Wax.

The registration date has past.

The late registration fee is \$25. Call 6-2302 for more information.

## Chapel schedule

### Catholic services

#### Saturday

Confession: 4 to 4:30 p.m.  
(north chapel) Mass: 5 p.m.  
(north chapel)

#### Sunday

Mass: 9 a.m. and noon (north chapel)

Religious education: pre-kindergarten through adult: 10:30 to 11:40 a.m. (Bldg. 962)  
RCIA: 1:30 to 3 p.m. (Bldg. 962)

### Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m. (south chapel)

### Protestant services

#### Sunday

10:30 a.m. Community Worship (north chapel)  
10:30 a.m. Inspirational Gospel Worship (south chapel)  
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship (Solid Rock Café)

#### Protestant Parish Ministries

Protestant Men of the

Chapel: Saturday, 6:30 a.m. (south chapel)

PMOC Breakfast/Fellowship Feb. 14, 8 a.m. (Golden Corral)

Weekday Bible studies: Tuesday, 6 p.m. and Thursday, noon, (south chapel)

### Protestant Religious education

Sunday school: pre-kindergarten through adult, 9 a.m. (Bldg. 962)

Tuesday Bible study, 6 p.m. (south chapel) Thursday, noon Bible Study, lunch provided (south chapel)

PWOC Thursday Bible study, 6 p.m.

PMOC Tuesday Bible study, 6 a.m. For more information about the chapel, call 6-4370.

## Student ministry

### Solid Rock Cafe (Bldg. 450)

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 11:30 p.m., Sunday, 1 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday Protestant Bible study, 4 p.m. Contemporary Praise Worship Service, 5 p.m. Holy Communion Worship, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Prayer, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Students

Awaiting Training classes, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:15 to 10 a.m. Chapel Ropes Meeting, Tuesday, 11 a.m. to noon and 4:15 to 5 p.m. Parents and Tots, Monday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 10 to 11 a.m. Praise Band Rehearsal, Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon Solid Rock Saturday Meal, 6:15 p.m.

## Student stuff

### FITS

Saturday - Softball will begin at 10 a.m. at Field 4  
May 22 - Aerobithon For more information, call 6-6336.



Army trio gives it all they got for Olympics

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# Sheppard Sports



‘Sarge’ pockets fourth victory of season

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## Varsity softball program seeing some success

**By Ron “Bama” Brown**  
*982nd Maintenance Squadron*

It is said that all things get better in time. For the men’s varsity team, that seems to be true. The Lady Senators might have had a bad start record-wise, but they’re on their way. After a slow start, the Senators seem to be moving in the right direction. In their last two games, the Senators have scored a total of 45 runs. The once-absent power within the offense has finally seemed to emerge. Although coach James Christman is not pleased with solo home runs or “dingers” hit after reaching the home run limit, he knows the fact that so many more are being hit means the offense is really beginning to heat up. Tevin “A.I.” Auster continues a blistering offensive assault, easily topping the .700 batting

percentage mark while adding in four towering home runs. What may be more amazing is that one of the smallest players on the team, Bill “Mini” Muse, leads the team in home run shots with five. Add to that the solid defense he adds in the outfield and you have the makings of one of those understated players absolutely essential to all championship teams. In the first of their two-game winning streak, the Senators seemed to have more skill at hitting and running than their opponents, “Hit & Run.” A sixteen run explosion in the first inning put this game out of reach early. It was as if the Senators just came woke up from their winter sleep and were ready to play. Throughout the game, timely hitting was clearly an asset. Earlier in the season, the Senators had

shown offensive problems by routinely leaving runners on base. On this night, they had all the answers. A 31 – 16 win did wonders for a team reeling from a slow start. In game two of the winning streak, the offense settled down a bit, but was more than a match for the Wichita Falls Aces. Still able to start strong, the Senators managed to put up seven runs in the first inning and quickly put the Aces on the defensive. The ability to bring runs across every inning of the game insured the Aces had to dig out of a hole throughout the game. What really helped keep the Aces at bay was the remarkable defensive work done by the outfield, especially Chris “ The Blade” Bradie. One other newcomer to the team who seems to be

coming into his own is Sydney “The Kid” Mitchell. Right now, he is a multidimensional player who shows signs of brilliance in the infield and outfield. This is a new prospect whose confidence should grow in coming weeks, adding a tremedous young talent to the Senator squad. Against a tougher opponent, a hard fought 16 – 11 win was good medicine. Despite more success in recent weeks, the Senators continue to struggle defensively in the infield. Consistent play on the routine outs is still a goal not reached. Presently, the Senators are 3 – 2 in the regular season with their next tournament scheduled for mid-May in Oklahoma City.

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### Sports Briefing

#### Sheppard rugby team

The new Sheppard rugby team is having its first practice at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays and 5 p.m. Sundays at the base track. Any permanent party member is welcome to be a part of the team. Call Tech. Sgt. Craig Colby at 6-5322.

#### Armed Forces Fun Run

The Armed Forces fun run is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the base track. The first 120 participants will receive a free t-Shirt. For more information call the north fitness center at 6-6336 or the south fitness center at 6-2972

#### American Dart Association

The Sheppard American Dart Association league will be starting at 6 p.m. Sunday at the enlist-ed club.

#### Texas Two Step

The Texas Two Step is a program that charts participant’s mileage on treadmills, Versa climbers, row machines, stationary bikes, recumbent bikes and stair steppers.

#### Mini triathlon

The mini triathlon is May 22. The time and location are to be announced. Participants will bike, run and swim.

#### Aerobithon

The aerobithon is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 22 at the south fitness center. Cost is \$10.

#### Armed Forces volleyball tournament

The Armed Forces volleyball tournament is from Monday to Thursday at the south fitness center.

#### Armed Forces racquetball tournament

The Armed Forces racquetball tournament is from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. May 17 to 20 at the south fitness center. Participants must register by Saturday. Players can compete in either singles or doubles.

#### Armed Forces softball tournament

The Armed Forces racquetball tournament is from today through Sunday at field one.

#### Build a boat race

The Build a Boat Race is June 5. At 8 a.m. participants will be issued their materials, then will get a briefing at 8:15 a.m. and can start building at 8:30 a.m. The race will begin at 10:45 a.m.

## NCO kicks his way to third-place finish in state Tae Kwon Do championship

**By Senior Airman Chris Powell**  
*Senator sports editor*

A Sheppard staff sergeant placed third place in the Texas state Tae Kwon Do championship in the adult heavyweight class recently. Staff Sgt. James Clark, 360th Training Squadron, won his first bout but lost his second to win the bronze medal in the Dallas tournament. “I was really surprised I did that good because I was caught up in my military duties and the Tae Kwon Do school that I attended closed down,” he said. “I think there was a bit of luck mixed in, too.” In the past, Clark never had to rely on luck. Since the 10 years been learning the art, he’s won more than a handful of state tournaments and qualified for the Armed Forces Championship in 1999. “Due to the Kosovo campaign, most of the Air Force team was recalled so the ones who remained, had to train under the Army coach,” he said. During the training, it came down to Clark and an Army Ranger to decide who would advance to participate in the Armed Forces Championship. “He won the fight, but since we were finalists, I was selected as the alternate,” Clark said. Also, Clark gives a lot of credit for his success to his Army coach for keeping the team together. “He saw the trouble the Air Force was having, and he kept us together and continued to mold the team even though he was with the Army,” he said. Since then, the Marktree, Ark. native said Tae Kwon Do has helped him become a better Airman. “Tae Kwon Do has helped me stay more disciplined in the Air Force,” he said. “Even though I’m not in combat, you have to stay ready and disciplined. Also, it’s helped me relieve stress.” Although Clark has had a lot of success, he’s had his fair share of trouble learning the art. “Just about everything it tough to pick up, but for me, it’s forms,” Clark said. I still stink at some of the most basic forms.” Throughout his martial arts career, Clark was able to train with one of his Tae Kwon Do heroes. “I was able to train with Elizabeth Evans when I was a member of the 1995 Washington state team,” Clark said. “She’s important



Photo by Senior Airman Chris Powell

**James Clark kicks a double and punching bag at the south fitness center. Clark placed third place in the Texas State kickboxing championships in the adult heavyweight division recently.**

to me because she was the first black female athlete to win a gold medal in the Olympics other than track.” Also Evans, a former Seaman, was the first and only American to win a championship at the World Tae Kwon Do championships. To anyone who’s thinking about taking up the sport, Clark has three suggestions in choosing the right school. “You need to ask them about their safety practices, you want a school where the master teaches most of the classes and go up to at least three people there and ask them how long it took them to get their black belts,” he said. “If it’s under three years, you shouldn’t go there because they are promoting too fast.” Clark’s next plan is to go for the gold in the U.S. nationals later this year.

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Runners across Sheppard came together to compete against each other in the half marathon Saturday at the south fitness center. Participants who qualified will have the opportunity to represent Team Sheppard or Team AETC. “I thought it was great that the fitness center would try to put this event on and step up to the challenge,” said Tech Sgt. John Redfern. “There is always room to grow, but they did a wonderful job.” Redfern won the event with a time of 1 hour, 42 minutes and 56 seconds. “I credit the win to good training

and experience,” Fedbern said. “I’ve been running marathons for 15 years, so the half marathon was kind easy.” “We had more than 50 participants,” said Master Sgt. Richard Garnett, north fitness center manager. “That is a great turn out.” Out of all the top finishers, all were more than 30 years old. “I think there are a couple reasons why older people finished better,” said Redfern. “First, distance running requires experience, endurance and patience. I wasn’t the first one through the 7.5-mile mark, because I was pacing myself. A lot of young runners don’t have the maturity of pacing.”



Photo by Sandy Wassenmiller

**Sean Marchal finishes the half marathon Saturday. Marchal finished in second place with a time of 1 hour 45 minutes and 6 seconds. More than 50 Team Sheppard members participated in the marathon.**



Bowling

For more information, call 6-2170.

No Tap Tournament

There is a No Tap Tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$13 per person.

Combo bowling held every Thursday

Combo bowling will be held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the south lanes.

For more information, call Donna Dobbins at 569-2430 or Vivian Umlah at 569-1619.

Rock It Bowl at the north lanes

A glow-in-the-dark Rock It Bowl takes place every Friday and Saturday night from 5 to 11 p.m. at the north lanes.

Community center

For more information, call 6-3866.

Jeet Kune Do classes

There are Jeet Kune Do classes from 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays at the community activity center. Cost is \$35 per month.

Tang Soo Do classes

There are Tang Soo Do classes from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for people ages 7 and older.

Cost is \$25 for adult members and \$20 for children members. The cost for

children who are nonmembers is \$25. Call 6-6826 for more information.

Pool tournament

The pool tournament is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the community activity center.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second-place winners.

Table tennis tournament

The table tennis tournament is at 5 p.m. the second Saturday of every month. Cost is \$2.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second-place winners.

Chess tournament

The chess tournament is at 10 a.m. the last Saturday of every month.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second-place winners.

Fitness center

For more information, call 6-2972.

Push it to the Max

Push it to the Max is a free program that's designed to teach people how to do correct push ups and will improve push up ability.

The program is from 5:30 to 7 a.m. Tuesdays in the aerobic room at the south fitness center.

Air Force cycling program

This program is designed to promote cycling as a life-long recreational activity that supports personal fitness goals.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Moffett at 6 - 2972.

Spinning at the north fitness center

There are spinning classes at 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the north fitness center.

Aerobiccenter offers classes

The aerobiccenter, located in the south fitness center, offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week.

Abdominal class

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

Aerobics

Monday at 7:15 a.m.

Get fit

Tuesday at 6 p.m. and Thursday at 5 p.m.

Cardio blast

Monday at 7:15 a.m.

Step aerobics

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m.

Step/floor aerobics

Tuesday and Thursday at 5:15 a.m.

Body pump

Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m. Thursday and Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Yoga and pilates

Monday and Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday at 5 p.m. Thursday at 6 p.m. Saturday at 3 p.m. Sunday at 4 p.m.

Basic step

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m.

Kickboxing

Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Sunday at 3 p.m.

Intermediate step

Saturday at 10:15 a.m.

Advanced step

Monday, Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Combo step

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Golf

For more information, call 6-6369.

Link Up 2 Golf for Couples

The Link Up 2 Golf for Couples class is at 5 to 6:30 p.m. ever Tuesday and Thursday from May 18 through June 1. Cost is \$99 per person.

Pool

For more information, call 6-6494.

Main pool opens May 22

The main pool will be open May 22 and May 23 for the weekend.

The following weekend, the pool will be open for the rest of summer.

Call 6-4141 for additional information.

Bunker Hill water park

The Bunker Hill water park will be opening May 22 through May 24 for the weekend. The following weekend, the water park will open for the rest of summer.

Water aerobics

The water aerobics class is at noon, 5 and 6:15 p.m. ever Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting June 2. The class is free.

Youth center

For more information, call 6-5935

Youth soccer registration

Youth soccer registration has started for youth ages 5 to 10 years old at the Madrigal youth center.

Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members.

Youth flag football registration

Youth flag foot ball registration has started for youth ages 6 to 10 years old at the Madrigal youth center.

Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members.



Photo by Bo Joyner

First Lt. Jason Szuminski, relief pitcher for the San Diego Padres, warms up in the bullpen during a game here against the Braves. Lieutenant Szuminski is the only Air Force reservist in Major League Baseball.

PITCHER

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attempt to keep his dream alive, the lieutenant offered to trade in his one-year commitment for a three-year commitment in the Reserve. He submitted his paperwork and was allowed to attend spring training pending a ruling on his request.

The Air Force approved his transfer to the Reserve, and Lieutenant Szuminski lived up to his end of the bargain by making the Padres as a member of the bullpen.

"I'm extending my commitment, I'll have plenty of time in the off-season to perform my (Reserve) duties, plus I'm really looking forward to doing some stuff for (Air Force and Reserve) recruiting in the off-season," he said. Lieutenant Szuminski made his major-league

debut April 11 during a nationally televised game against the San Francisco Giants and superstar Barry Bonds. He gave up one unearned run in one inning of work and got Mr. Bonds out on a fly ball to left field.

"I knew I was going to pitch to him," Lieutenant Szuminski said. "I was trying to go with my strengths and get him out. I got a front-row seat at how strong he is. I thought he popped that ball up, and it wound up going pretty deep."

As of May 7, the lieutenant appeared in six games, pitching a total of seven innings. His earned run average was 9.00. He struck out four and walked nine batters.

TSTV schedule

Informative, educational and entertaining programming is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on Team Sheppard TV, channel 14.

In addition to Department of Defense productions, the base public communication office produces local programming exclusive - ly for Team Sheppard.

For more information about TSTV or to share your ideas with the TSTV staff, please contact public communication at 6-1327 or check out our Web site at <http://www.sheppard.af.mil/82trvpa/default.htm>.

Friday May 14

10 a.m. Weekly Commander's Corner  
5 p.m. Air Force News Special Edition - The Thunderbirds  
9 p.m. Sheppard Today

Saturday May 15

10 a.m. In Service for My Country-Sheppard Deploys  
5 p.m. Target for Today  
9 p.m. Famous Generals: General John J. Pershing

Sunday May 16

10 a.m. Sound of Freedom: The Berlin Airlift  
5 p.m. The Army in Action - Global War

9 p.m. Navy History, 1964-1966

Monday May 17

10 a.m. The Air Force Story: Chapter 5, 1935-1937  
12:30 p.m. Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. lives from the 82nd Training Wing with Col. H.D. Pumbo, 80th Flying Training Wing commander  
5 p.m. Navy Marine Corps News

Tuesday May 18

10 a.m. Air Force Story: The Air War Against Japan  
5 p.m. Sheppard Today  
9 p.m. Seal Class 224 - Basic Underwater Demolition

Wednesday May 19

10 a.m. Into the Mouth of the Cat: Lance Sijan  
5 p.m. Famous Generals: General John J. Pershing  
9 p.m. Flying for Freedom - Women Air Force Service Pilots

Thursday May 20

10 a.m. Air Force News Special Edition: The Making of an Air Force Recruiter  
5 p.m. Navy History, 1964-1966  
9 p.m. Fifty Years of the UCMJ

SOFTBALL

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The Lady Senators continue to try and work through the pains of a new team coming together.

Presently with a 1 - 4 record, one might think things look bleak.

However, the Lady Senators have played the best teams Wichita Falls has to offer and in all but the first game of the season, they have lost the game in the last inning.

Not bad for a team who didn't even play in the regular season a year ago and now play in the competitive division of the city league.

Still, their record cannot be easily pushed aside and work needs to continue on a team that has a wealth of new talent.

An 18 - 10 defeat at the hands of a tough "30 Something ball club" provides more evidence of a team learning how to be good. The challenge is getting the swagger all great teams have.

This swagger comes from the confidence of consistently high offense and steady defense. Excluding their first outing, the Lady Senators have managed to score in double digits in every game.

They still have problems securing the cru-

cial outs. The crucial outs being the ones that would close out opposing teams offense for that inning and keeping their score within striking distance.

They must also find a way to get more than there present 11 to 12 runs per game.

Newcomer Lisa "Willamena Mays" Haynes has added a .777 batting average to help bolster the Lady Senator offense. Becky " Baby carriage" Davis still provides an incredibly consistent punch with her .667 average.

Christy Bandy and Tina Sivertsen, a.k.a. "the Visor twins," help secure the middle of the lineup batting averages by hitting .600 and .545, respectively. Alexandra "A.J." Lopex and Tina " No name" Haymes round out the top batting averages, each batting .500.

Not to be outdone, Clara " No laps" Warren provides a solid .533 batting average, and is unquestionably the power in the lineup with a team leading 3 doubles and 1 home run.

The Lady Senators had their first tournament outing called due to inclement weather. The next scheduled tournament will the SIDS tournament scheduled for the end of the month.





U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Daniel A. Jones  
Players from the All-Navy and Marine Corps Women's basketball teams fight for a rebound. The top women basketball players from the four armed services recently gathered at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar to battle for the title of best in service. The games, hosted by the Marine Corps, were held at Miramar's Semper Fit Center. The Air Force was crowned eventual champions while the Navy team finished with a 2-4 record.

# Armed Forces women battle on court

By Photographer's Mate 3rd Class  
Daniel A. Jones  
Navy Public Affairs Center

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, San Diego, (NNS) — The top women basketball players from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force converged on Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar recently to battle it out for the title of best in service. The games, hosted by the Marine Corps, were held at Miramar's Semper Fit Center, April 4-9.

With many Armed Forces members deployed around the world in support of the global war on terrorism, many players on the teams felt privileged to be able to break away from battle against terrorism on the hot sands of Iraq and Afghanistan to battle each other in friendly competition on the hard courts at the MCAS center.

All-Navy Women's Basketball coach, Chief Engineman Allan Layne, believes military sports programs have an important place in the Armed Forces.

"With the rigors of war and the pace our Sailors and Marines have to keep to stay focused on their jobs, they have to know that there is something else besides fighting. Most of the Sailors and Marines are athletes in their own right due to the (military) job they perform daily. The Navy and Marines are a competitive team on a global scale,"

the coach said.  
Being selected for the team is not easy. Many team members have logged hours of basketball playing time in their base gyms around the world for a number of years before being selected. Marine Staff Sgt. Shannan R. Rosenthal, a guard for the Marine Corps team, tried out for the first time in 1992 but wasn't selected. And, although she didn't try out again until this year, 12 years later, this time she was named to the squad.  
"You have to stay positive. This is a competitive sport and you have to work hard, especially when you are playing professionally with competitive people like these service members," said Rosenthal, a drill instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.  
"I could have been selected years ago if I had kept trying. I'm just glad I tried out again," she added.

Basketball is a furiously fast-paced sport where rival opponents seldom have smiles on their faces when face-to-face with another team. However, when the Armed Forces teams come together, there is more of a healthy and positive sense of competition with an air of respect and admiration among the players of the different military teams. Ensign Erika Macias felt a sense of pride playing against the other services.

"Playing basketball as a service member

representing the Navy has given me a chance to see the professionalism displayed by all the services taking part in this tournament. The women we have played against, as well as my teammates, are not only very talented, but conduct themselves in an excellent manner - that reflects well on our military," said Macias, a shooting guard on the Navy team.

Unfortunately, the All-Navy team ran into stiff competition during the recent tournament losing to the Air Force and Army. They finished with a 2-4 record. The Air Force team was crowned the eventual champion of the six-day tournament with an 81-74 victory over Army in the final contest.

According to John Hickok, director of the All-Navy Sports Program headquartered in Millington, Tenn., the Armed Forces sports program, and the numerous military sporting events held every year, are great opportunities for service members to showcase their talents while at the same time representing their service.

"They all represent their country with pride and professionalism - they just wear a different uniform," Hickok said.

Only on the court do they battle against each other. Off the court, still wearing different military uniforms, they worked together as a cohesive military team towards a common goal and battle against the global war on terrorism.

## Schumacher pockets fourth victory of season

Courtesy of the Army News Service

BRISTOL, Tenn. -- Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher recorded his fourth win of the season at the rain-delayed O'Reilly Thunder Valley Nationals at Bristol Dragway May 3.

The pilot of the U.S. Army Top Fuel dragster won a "pedaling" contest in the finals over Clay Millican and in the process widened his lead over second-place, Brandon Bernstein, in the Top Fuel point standings.

"Like all my victories, this is for all the Soldiers fighting for our freedom," Schumacher said. "What a great day for the Army team. We worked real hard and achieved the desired results."

The Chicago native put up impressive numbers en route to his 15th career victory. In the first round, he took out Rhonda Hartman-Smith with a 4.482-second run at a blistering 331.04 mph, then, in round two, he posted a 4.477-second pass at 331.36 mph while beating Doug Herbert.

"Those two runs really set the tone for what was to be a huge round against Bernstein in the semifinals," he added.

While both Schumacher and Bernstein banked almost identical 4.50-second passes, Bernstein was too quick off the line and fouled with a red light handing Schumacher the final round entry.

"That was huge getting by Brandon," Schumacher said. "I actually felt bad for him, but we'll certainly take the win light any way we can get it. Those were 20 important points given how close we were entering this race."

After watching a 110-point lead disintegrate to 38 points after the Houston event, Schumacher has battled back to extend his lead to 81 points heading into the Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals at Atlanta Dragway in two weeks.

"We're only a quarter of the way through the season," said the 1999 Top Fuel world champion. "You can't let your guard down for a second with as good as the Top Fuel class is this year. We have to keep moving forward each race and not let our opponents come up for air."

This is the third time in Schumacher's career that he's won four races in a season. He also turned the trick in 2000 and 2003.

Be smart. Buckle up and don't drink and drive.

If you would like to publicize a sports-related event, call 6-1326.